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FM AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7691

INFO AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, SN

SUBJ: BY-ELECTION FOR RADIN MAS

1. CAMPAIGNING HAS BEGUN FOR THE MAY 14 BY-ELECTION TO FILL
PARLIAMENTARY SEAT LEFT VACANT BY DEATH ON FEBRUARY 14 OF
N. GOVINDASAMY. LEGAL CAMPAIGN PERIOD WILL BE THE MINIMUM, NINE
DAYS, SINCE NOMINATION DAY WAS MAY 4.

2. PAP CANDIDATE IS BERNARD CHEN TIEN LAP, DEPUTY SECRETARY
MINISTRY OF FINANCE. HE IS OPPOSED BY WORKERS PARTY SECRETARY-
GENERAL J.B. JEYARETNAM. PRESS COVERAGE HAS BEEN PAP-ORIENTED;
COMMENT HAS BEEN MINIMAL.

3. COMMENT: IT IS MOST UNLIKELY THAT WP COULD WIN IN THIS
WORKING CLASS, HOUSING BOARD, UNION-CONTROLLED CONSTITUENCY.
CONSTITUENCY SERVICING, BREAD AND BUTTER ISSUES SHOULD BE
MOST EFFECTIVE VOTE-GETTERS, THUS FAVORING PAP. CONTEST LOOKED
LIKE PRO FORMA EXERCISE UNTIL JEYARETNAM DECIDED TO RUN IN
WHAT IS SEEN BY MANY OBSERVERS AS DIRECT CHALLENGE TO PAP.
JEYARETNAM APPARENTLY WILL RUN ON LIBERAL "HUMAN RIGHTS"
PLATFORM, DESPITE ADVICE OF OTHER WP LEADERS, WHICH SHOULD
FIND LITTLE ELECTORAL SUPPORT IN THIS TYPE OF CONSTITUENCY.
EMBASSY WILL CLOSELY MONITOR THE ISSUES CAMPAIGN IS FOUGHT
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ON, AND ANY ALTERATIONS IN POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE FROM 1976
GENERAL ELECTIONS. GRANT

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